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Office Action Summary	Examiner	Art Unit
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Status		
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 S	September 2006.	
	s action is non-final.	
3) Since this application is in condition for allowa	ince except for formal matters, pro	osecution as to the merits is
closed in accordance with the practice under I	Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 4	53 O.G. 213.
Disposition of Claims		
4) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-9</u> is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdra 5) □ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-9</u> is/are rejected. 7) □ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) □ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or		
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examine 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accomplicant may not request that any objection to the Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correct.	cepted or b) objected to by the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. Settion is required if the drawing(s) is ob	e 37 CFR 1.85(a). jected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). _,
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority document 2. Certified copies of the priority document 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority document application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	ts have been received. ts have been received in Applicati rity documents have been receive u (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	on No ed in this National Stage
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 7 remains objected to because of the following informalities:

2. The applicant uses the verb "phosphorate" to describe a chemical compound. As the term

"phosphorate" is a verb it is indicating a process and not a chemical compound. Thus it remains

unclear to the examiner what specific compound is created by the phosphorating process. Does

the process create a phosphonate or a phosphate? What is the valence of the phosphorous group?

It remains unclear. The applicant has failed in their response to address the examiner's

interpretation of the claim. Is the examiner's interpretation correct? The applicant merely states

that the term is known. The applicant does not addresses the issues raised by the examiner.

Such a response does not further prosecution as the examiner has already provided a definition of

the term.

3. The examiner maintains that a verb is inappropriately used to describe the compound as

the phosphorating process could produce numerous different compounds including phosphates

and phosphonates. Appropriate correction is required.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 9/12/06 have been fully considered but they are not

persuasive.

5. The applicant's four pages of arguments can be summed up as follows: the prior art fails

to teach the surfactant of formula 1.

6. The applicant does not state what if any differences exist. The applicant does not state

what part of formula 1 is lacking in the prior art.

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7. In support of the examiner's argument one need only look to the applicant's own specification where formula 1 is defined. The formula is presented on page 6 of the instant specification. On page 9 of the specification the following exemplary embodiment of formula 1 is taught:

<Synthesis of a cleaning solution, according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention>

1.0g of ethoxylated 2,5,8,11-tetramethyl-6-dodecyne-5,8-diol, represented by formula 2, as shown below, and 0.5g of ammonium perfluoroalkyl phosphorate were dissolved in 1000ml of deionized water. The solution was then filtered through a 0.021am filter to obtain a cleaning solution. Further, the ammonium perfluoroalkylethoxy phosphorate is an anionic surfactant containing fluorine that increases the solubility of the cleaning solution.

The examiner has cited this paragraph because it provides a concrete example of a compound which meets the limitations of formula 1 of claim 1. Such compounds are well-known in the detergent industry and are manufactured under various tradenames. For example the following terms are synonymous with 2,5,8,11-tetramethyl-6-dodecyne-5,8-diol: DYNOL.RTM. 604 and SURFYNOL 124.

Dynol 604 has been used industrially since at least 1996 (see for example US 5,786,127). A search for Dynol 604 yields 120 patent references. Of these references over 90 of them have a

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filing date prior to the applicant's claimed foreign priority date. Should the applicant get a patent on a compound known for over 7 years prior to the applicant foreign priority date?

Although the examiner has cited several references which specifically teach these well-known commercial surfactants, the applicant merely states that the references don't teach formula 1.

It is not the examiner burden to find a reference that teaches formula 1. The examiner burden is to find at least one compound that would meet the broad limitations of formula 1.

So we have several references teaching compounds meeting formula 1 and yet the applicant makes no arguments and provides no evidence how these well-known commercial surfactants fail to meet formula 1.

As such the previous rejections presented 6/19/2006 are maintained and made final.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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date of this final action.

will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory E. Webb whose telephone number is 571-272-1325. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-17:30 (m-f).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglass McGinty can be reached on (571)272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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